2nd January 1954]

Report of the Madras Jail Reforms Committee.

* 57 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state with reference to Legislative Council starred question No. 213 answered on 24th July 1953—

(*a*) when the report of the Madras Jail Reforms Committee appointed in 1950 was received by Government;

(*b*) the recommendations made by the Committee for the promotion of the welfare, health, etc., of prisoners in jails; and

(*c*) the orders passed on those recommendations?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (*a*) The report of the Jail Reforms Committee, Madras, was received by the Government in November 1951.

" (*b*) The member is referred to Chapter XXIII—Summary of recommendations of the Report of the Jail Reforms Committee, Madras, 1950–51, Volume I, Copies of which have been placed in the Legislature Library for the use of the Members of the Legislature.

" (*c*) In respect of recommendations Nos. 97, 118–120 and 142 relating to the welfare of prisoners, orders have been passed in accordance with the Committee's recommendations. The other recommendations are under the examination of the Heads of departments concerned and of the Government."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON:—" Will the Government consider the recommendation regarding the release of prisoners on parole for particular periods? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" Release of prisoners on parole is in vogue even in the present set-up."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN *RE* THE ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

MR. CHAIRMAN:—" I have to inform the House that the following two candidates were nominated for the election of two members to the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1953–54 in the vacancies caused by the vacation of seats of Sri S. Ramakrishnayya and Sri S. Chengalraya Chetti, consequent on the formation of the Andhra State:—

(1) Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar.

(2) Dr. C. Nathamuni Naidu.

" As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., two, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Committee of Privileges."